REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 remain active in this case, Claims 8 and 9 canceled by way of the present amendment and Claim 5 is amended.

In the outstanding Official Action the application was indicated as being allowable except for the formal matter to cancel non-elected Claims 8 and 9. Accordingly, Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled herewith. Therefore, since no further issues remain outstanding in this case, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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